

Food Safety Through Data Sharing and Socialization

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BACKGROUND

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Nutrition Assistance Programs



National School Lunch Program

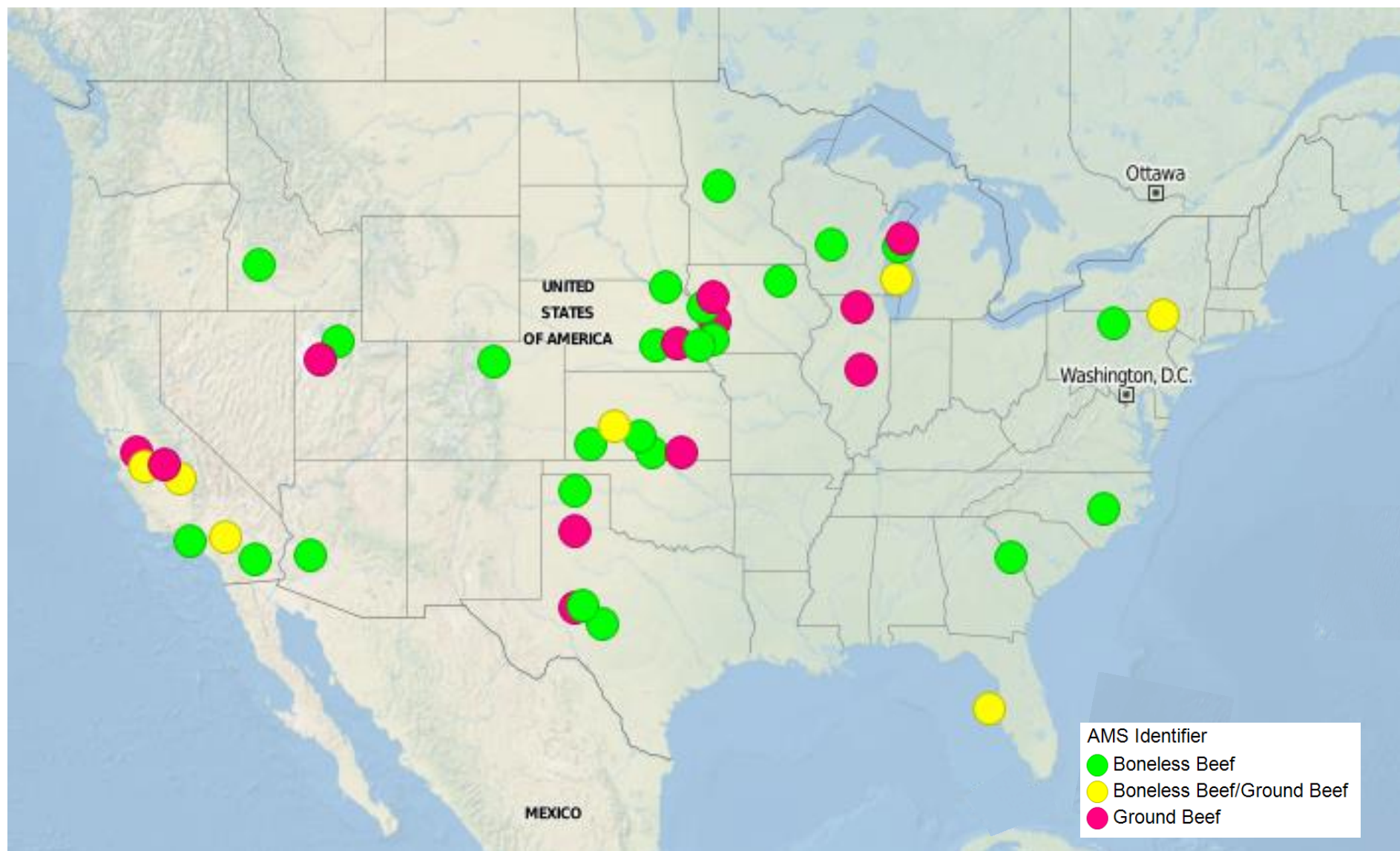


- Richard B. Russell National School Lunch Act
- 31 million school children
- 100,000 nonprofit institutions

Select Commodities—FY2014

Commodity	Total Pounds	Total Cost
Beef	113,336,000	\$300,210,943
Poultry	320,368,996	\$362,780,582
Pork	16,100,540	\$28,195,490
Eggs/Egg Products	17,965,920	\$19,318,180
Totals	467,771,456	\$710,505,195

AMS Beef Vendors

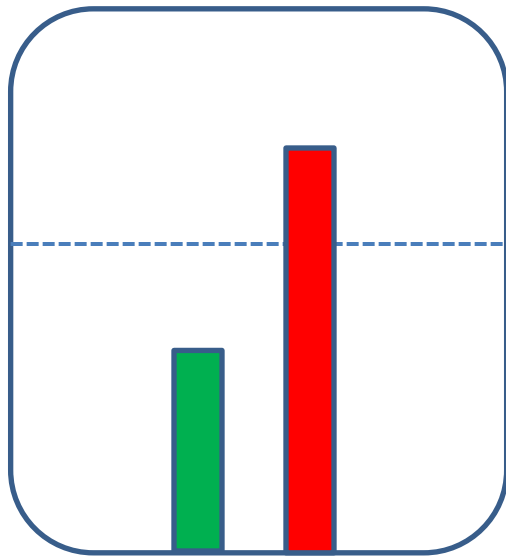


AMS Beef Purchase Specifications

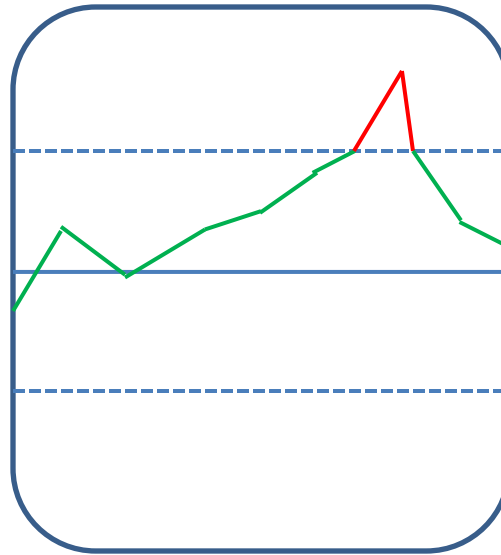
- Vendor application process
- Onsite audits
- Microbiological Testing
 - Indicator Microorganisms
 - Pathogens

AMS Beef Testing Model

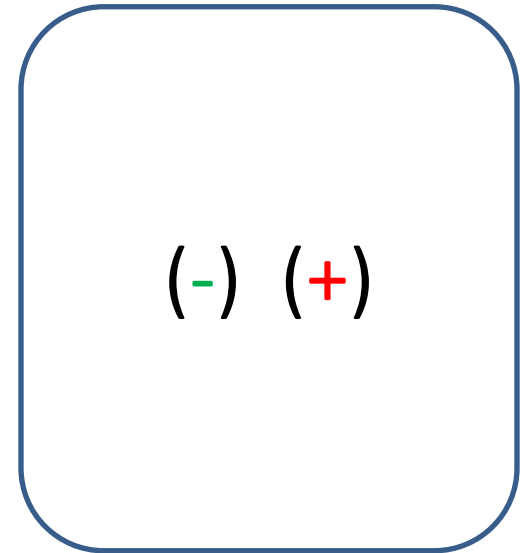
Test every 2,000 lbs. of boneless beef and every 10,000 lbs. of ground beef



Indicator
Critical Limits
(Single Lot)



Process
Control
(‘Rolling’ 20 Lots)



Pathogens
(Single Lot)

Resultant Data*

	Million Lbs. Tested	Lots Tested	No. (%) <i>E. Coli</i> O157:H7	No. (%) <i>Salmonella</i>	No. (%) APC CL	No. (%) Coliform CL	No. (%) <i>E. coli</i> CL
Boneless Beef	116.2	57,510	23 (0.04)	270 (0.47)	57 (0.12)	22 (0.04)	19 (0.03)
Ground Beef	92.3	10,183	6 (0.06)	41 (0.40)	3 (0.03)	2 (0.02)	2 (0.02)
Totals	208.5	67,693	29 (0.04)	311 (0.46)	60 (0.09)	24 (0.04)	21 (0.03%)

*FY2014

DATA SHARING



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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) website. The browser window at the top displays the URL <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/>. The website header features the USDA logo and the text "United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service". Below this is a navigation bar with links: Home, About AMS, Newsroom, Opportunities, Online Forms, Help, and Contact Us. The main content area is divided into several sections. On the left, there is a "Search AMS" sidebar with a search bar containing "Microbiological Results" and a "Go" button. Below the search bar are links for "Advanced Search", "Search Tips", and "Market News Search". Further down is a "Browse by Subject" section with a list of topics including "Market News", "Commodity Areas", "Grading, Certification and Verification", "Science and Laboratories", "National Organic Program", "Commodity Purchasing", "Agricultural Transportation", and "Farmers Markets and Local Food Marketing". The main content area starts with a "You are here: Home" breadcrumb. Below this is a "Welcome to the Agricultural Marketing Service" section, followed by a paragraph describing the AMS's role. To the right of this is a "USDA Market News" banner with the tagline "Compete Smarter". Below the welcome section is a "SPOTLIGHTS" section, which features a link to "Learn How to Become a Vendor for Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs". This link is accompanied by a photo of a woman in a blue shirt working in a kitchen. To the right of the photo is a text box inviting users to join a webinar on February 26. On the far right, there is a "FUEL UP TO play60" logo and a section titled "I Want To" with a link to "Find an AMS Program". The bottom of the page shows a Windows taskbar with various application icons and a system clock indicating 10:35 AM on 2/18/2015.

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Welcome to the Agricultural Marketing Service

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Agricultural Marketing Service administers programs that facilitate the efficient, fair marketing of U.S. agricultural products, including food, fiber, and specialty crops. [Download our Agency Factsheet.](#)

USDA Market News
Compete Smarter

SPOTLIGHTS

Learn How to Become a Vendor for Federal Nutrition Assistance Programs

Join us on February 26, for a webinar on how to sell red meat, poultry and fish products to Federal nutrition assistance

FUEL UP TO play60

I Want To

- Find an AMS Program

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The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <http://www.ams.usda.gov/AMSv1.0/FSCS>. The browser's address bar and menu bar are visible. The website header features the USDA logo and the text "United States Department of Agriculture Agricultural Marketing Service". Below the header is a navigation bar with links: Home, About AMS, Newsroom, Opportunities, Online Forms, Help, and Contact Us. The main content area is titled "Food Safety and Commodity Specifications" in a green banner. Below this banner, the text reads: "The mission of the Food Safety and Commodity Specifications (FSCS) Division is to create and champion the technical requirements for food safety, quality and nutrition for AMS commodity purchases of red meat, poultry, egg products, and aquatic foods. The FSCS Division collaborates with contractors, trade associations, researchers, and other stakeholders to continuously refine and strengthen the food safety and product quality requirements for Federal food purchase programs". To the left of the main content is a sidebar with a search box labeled "Search AMS" and a "Go" button. Below the search box are links for "Advanced Search", "Search Tips", and "Market News Search". Further down is a section titled "Browse by Subject" with a list of links: "Market News", "Commodity Areas", "Grading, Certification and Verification", "Science and Laboratories", "National Organic Program", "Commodity Purchasing", "Agricultural Transportation", and "Farmers Markets and Local Food Marketing". To the right of the main content is a section titled "I Want Information On" with a list of links: "Commodity Purchasing", "Federal Purchase Program Specifications", "Results from Microbiological Testing of Commodities", "Results from Animal Handling and Welfare Audit", and "Eligible Supplier List - PDF". Below this is a section titled "Resources" with a link to "National Academy of". The browser's taskbar at the bottom shows various application icons and the system clock indicating 10:13 AM on 2/18/2015.

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Microbiological Testing Results

Boneless Beef

Boneless beef produced by AMS vendors is sampled and tested for the following indicator microorganisms: standard plate count (mesophilic aerobic plate counts), total coliforms, and generic *E. coli*, with critical limits of 100,000 colony forming units (cfu)/gram (g), 1,000 cfu/g, and 500 cfu/g, respectively. Any lot of product found to exceed any of these control limits is rejected for purchase by AMS.

- [FY2015 Indicator Organism test results - PDF](#)
- [FY2014 Indicator Organism test results - PDF](#)
- [FY2013 Indicator Organism test results - PDF](#)
- [FY2012 Indicator Organism test results - PDF](#)

Boneless beef is also tested for *E. coli* O157:H7, *Salmonella*, and Non-O157 STECs (O26, O45, O103, O111, O121, O145), with zero tolerance.

- [FY2015 Pathogen test results - PDF](#)
- [FY2014 Pathogen test results - PDF](#)
- [FY2013 Pathogen test results - PDF](#)
- [FY2012 Pathogen test results - PDF](#)

- [FY2015 STEC Pathogen test results - PDF](#)
- [FY2014 STEC Pathogen test results - PDF](#)

Ground Beef

Ground beef produced by AMS vendors is sampled and tested for the following indicator microorganisms: standard plate count (mesophilic aerobic plate counts), total coliforms, and generic *E. coli*, with critical limits of less than 100,000 cfu/g, 1,000 cfu/g, and 500 cfu/g, respectively. Any lot/sub-lot of product found to exceed any of these control limits is rejected for purchase by AMS.

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AMS Boneless Beef Supplier Pathogen Performance: *E. coli* O157:H7 and *Salmonella* - Fiscal Year: 2014^{1/2/}

Supplier	# Lots Produced (% of Total)	<i>E. coli</i> O157:H7 ^{3/}		<i>Salmonella</i> ^{4/}	
		# Positive	% Positive	# Positive	% Positive
S1	9,771 (18.2)	8	0.08	63	0.64
S2	254 (0.5)	0	0	2	0.79
S3	171 (0.3)	0	0	1	0.58
S4	7,092 (13.2)	7	0.10	50	0.71
S5	13,696 (25.5)	17	0.12	22	0.16
S6	300 (0.6)	5	1.67	0	0
S7	2,672 (5.0)	0	0	3	0.11
S8	---	---	---	---	---
S9	1,962 (3.7)	0	0	1	0.05
S10	1,793 (3.3)	0	0	3	0.17
S11	3,075 (5.7)	1	0.03	35	1.14
S12	---	---	---	---	---
S13	---	---	---	---	---
S14	4,562 (8.5)	0	0	23	0.50
S15	---	---	---	---	---
S16	---	---	---	---	---

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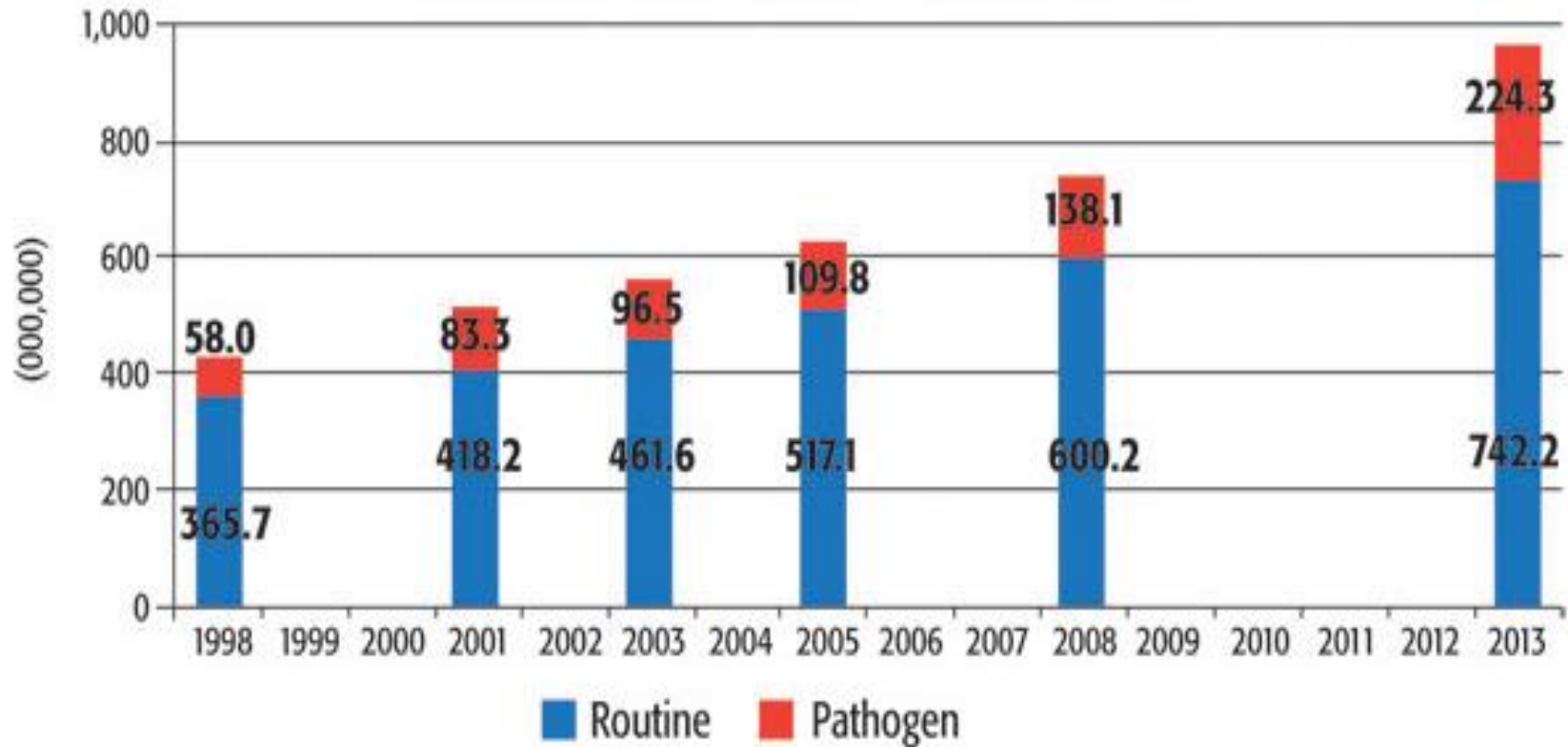
Database Privileges

BonelessBeef	Finished Product	Fat							
BonelessBeef-MicroTest									
Production Date	Lot Number	Material_Code	Sample Selection	Pounds produced	Sample Number	APC	APC CPU	Coliform	Coliform CPU
2/14/2015	C-12	211	Non-SPC	2000	SIL15351444652	9		9	
2/14/2015	C-11	211	SPC	2000	SIL15351444651	9	667.75	9	999.00
2/14/2015	C-10	211	Non-SPC	2000	SIL15351444650	20		9	
2/14/2015	C-9	211	Non-SPC	2000	SIL15351444649	9		9	
2/14/2015	C-8	211	Non-SPC	2000	SIL15351444648	90		9	
2/14/2015	C-7	211	Non-SPC	2000	SIL15351444647	20		9	
2/14/2015	C-5	211	Non-SPC	2000	SIL15351444646	20		9	
2/14/2015	C-4	211	Non-SPC	2000	SIL15351444644	30		9	
2/14/2015	C-3	211	SPC	2000	SIL15351444643	9	662.07	9	999.00
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2/14/2015	C-1	211	Non-SPC	2000	SIL15351444641	20		9	
2/13/2015	C-31	211	SPC	2000	SIL15351427692	10	614.14	9	999.00
2/13/2015	C-22	211	Non-SPC	2000	SIL15351427689	10		9	
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DATA SOCIALIZATION



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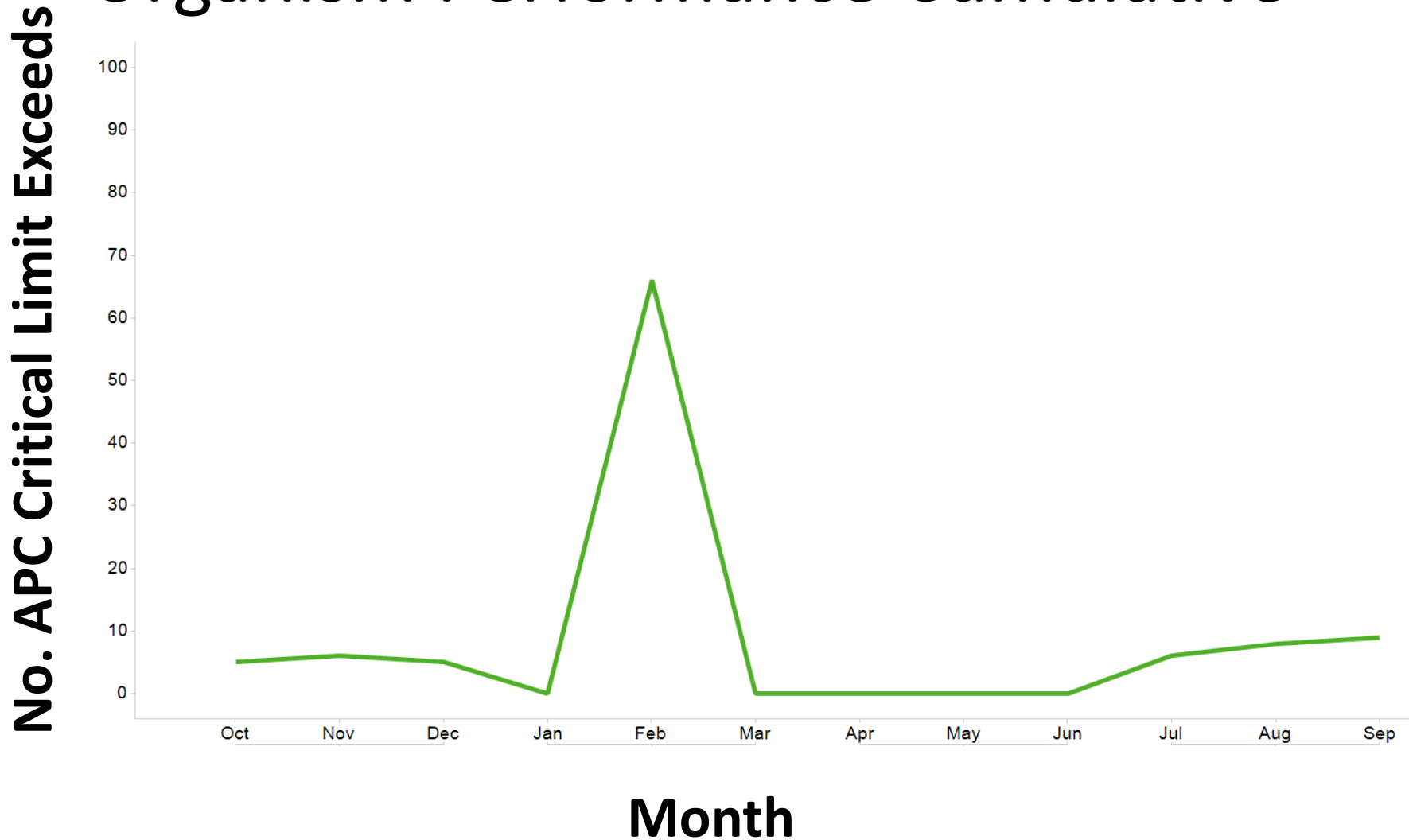


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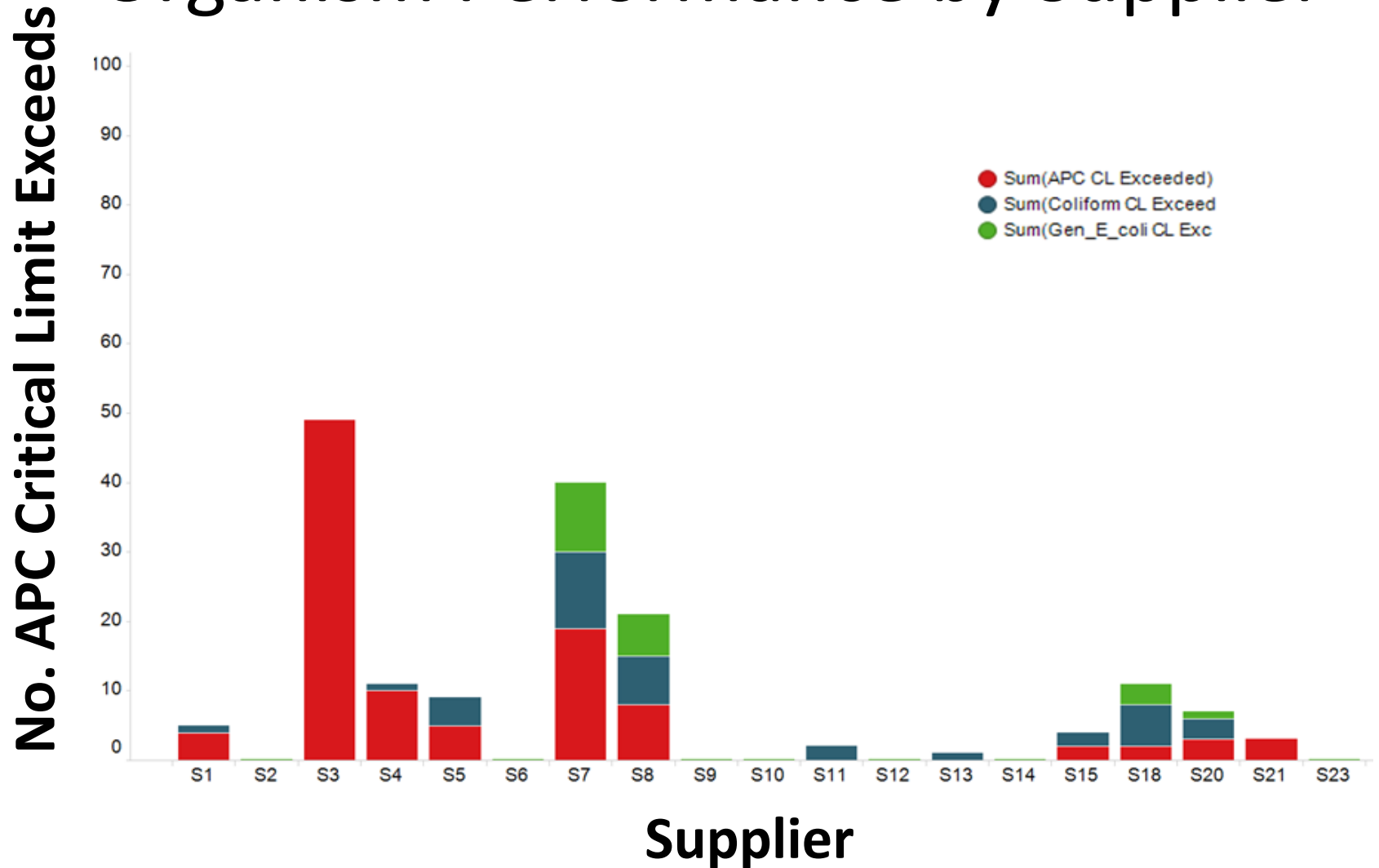
INDICATOR MICROORGANISMS



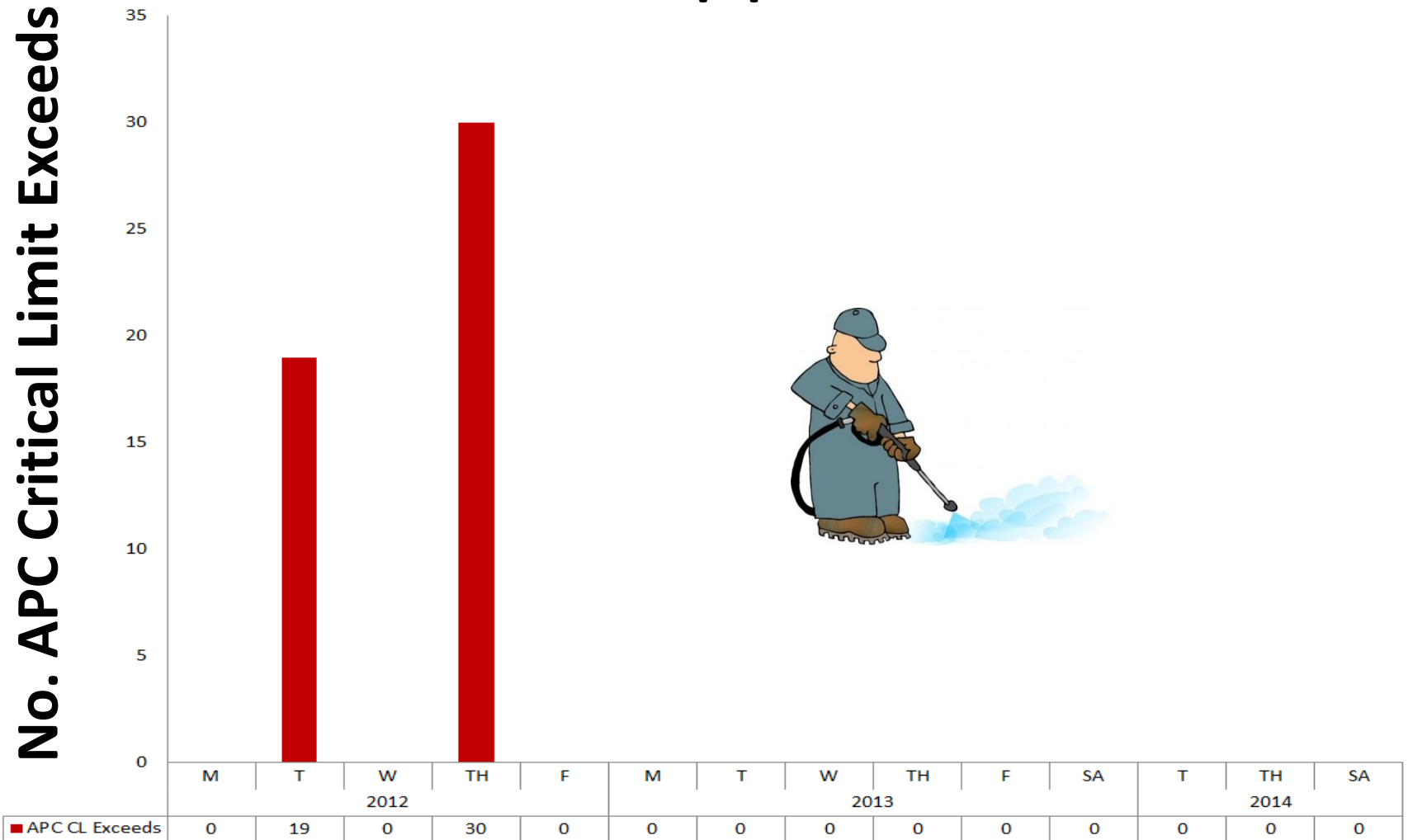
AMS Boneless Beef: FY12 – Indicator Organism Performance Cumulative



AMS Boneless Beef: FY12 – Indicator Organism Performance by Supplier

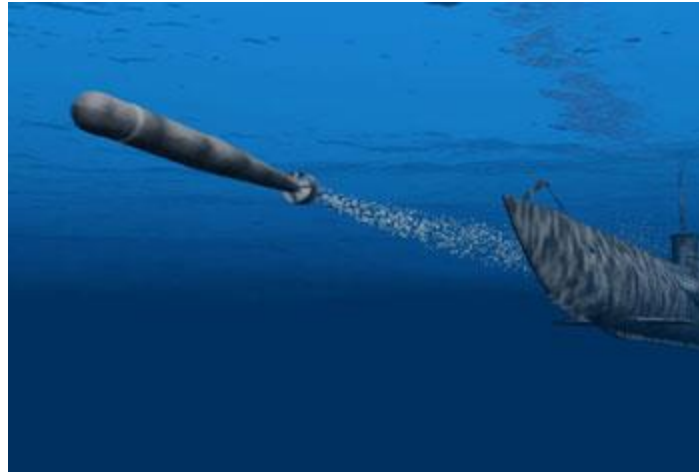


AMS Supplier 3

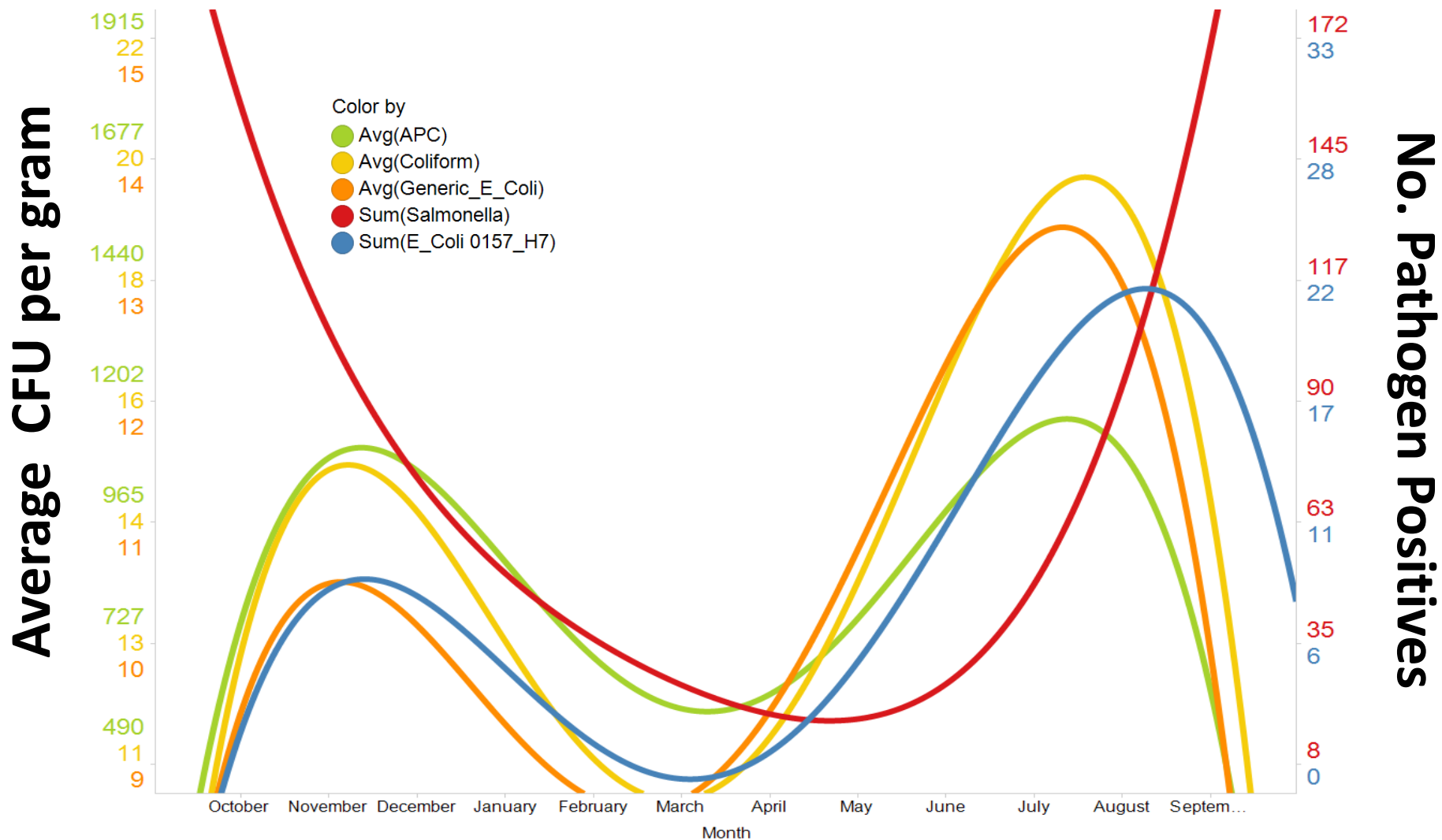


Day and Fiscal Year

PATHOGENS



AMS Boneless Beef: FY12-13-14 - Microbiological Trend Analysis



AMS Boneless Beef: FY14:

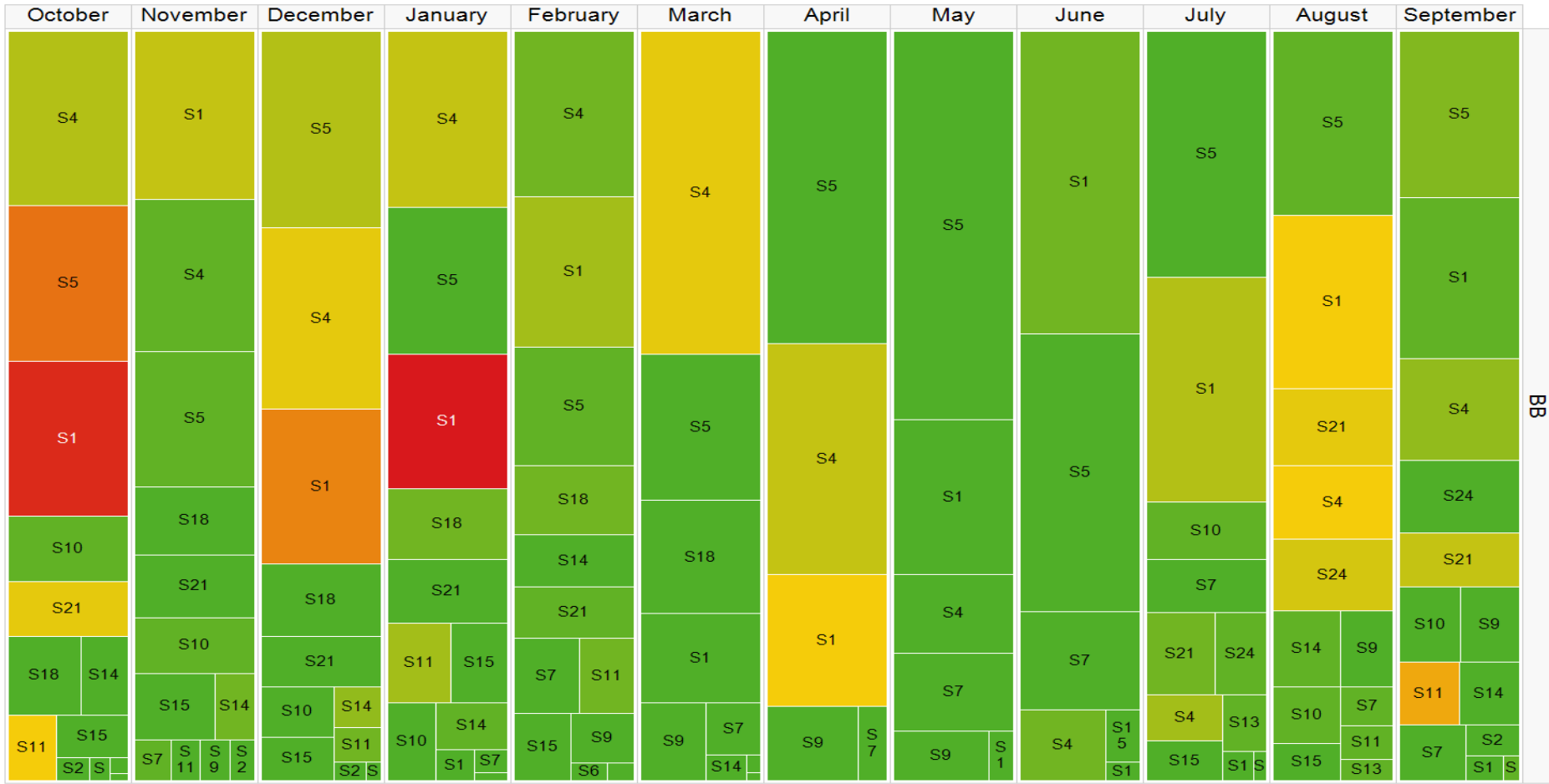
Salmonella Performance x Pounds Produced

x Supplier x Month

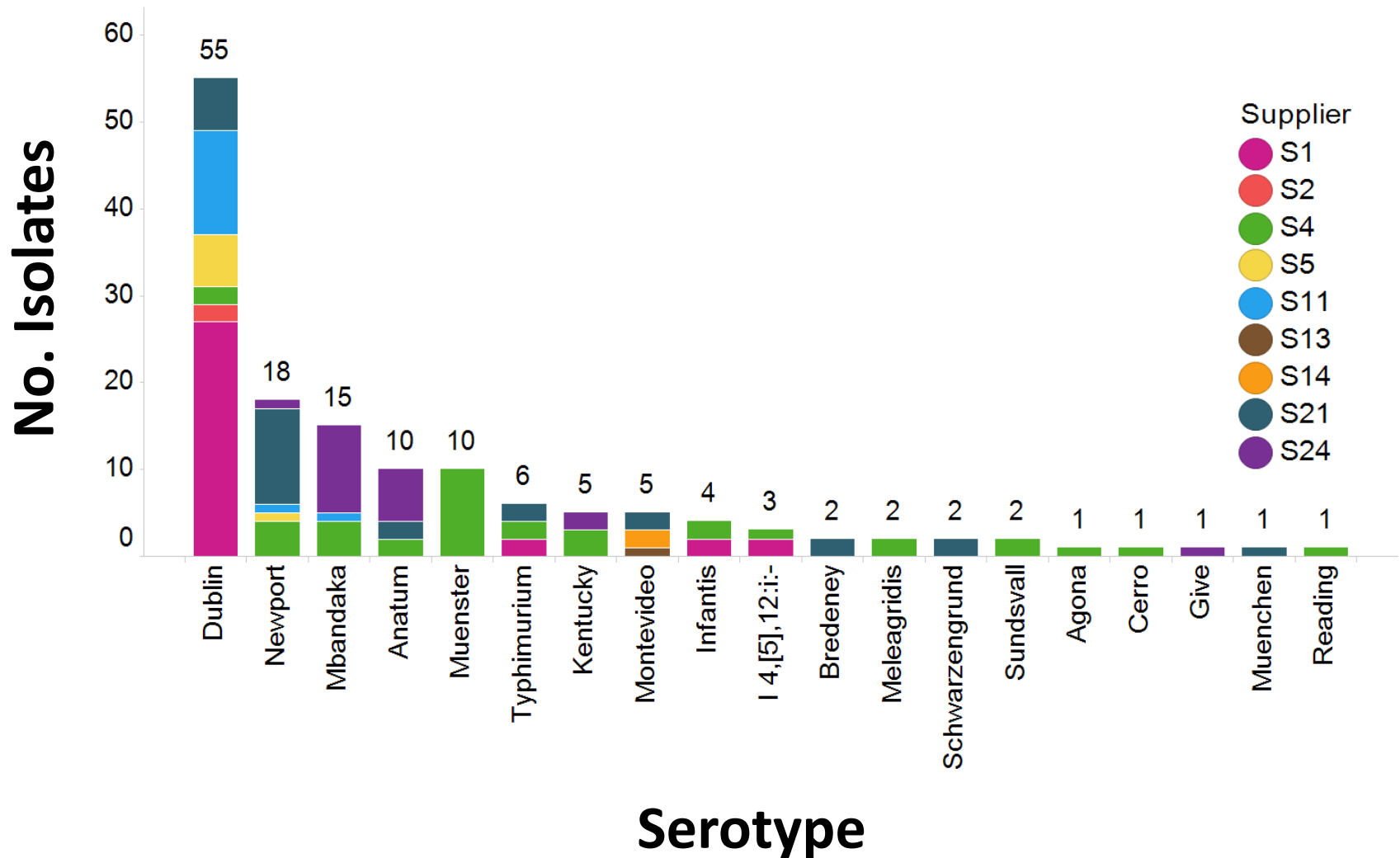
Color by
Sum(Salmonella)
● Max (20.00)
● 10.00
● Min (0.00)

Size by
Sum(Pounds_prod)

Hierarchy
Supplier Identifier



AMS Boneless Beef: FY13-14 - *Salmonella* Serotypes by Supplier



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Decipher Data



Share and Socialize Data



Collaborative Problem Solving



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